GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned aid for Watershed Development Project in the country;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned by the World Bank for this project;

(c) the details of the States where the Watershed development project is likely to be started with this aid; and

(d) the estimated number of poor, and landless people expected to be benefited therefrom, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) Yes Sir. Two Watershed Development Projects, viz. (1) Integrated Watershed Development Project (IWDP) (Hills-II) and (2) Comprehensive Watershed Development Project (CWDP) in Karnataka have been sanctioned by the World Bank.

(b) The World Bank has sanctioned US $ 135.0 million for IWDP (Hills-II) and SDR 79.0 million (US $ 100.4 million) for CWDP i Karnataka.

(c) The IWDP (Hills-II) is being implemented in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Uttrancha since September 1999. The legal agreements pertaining to CWDP in Karnataka has been signed in July, 2001.

It is estimated that a population of about one million, including about 10,000 landless families and 5,000 lilvestock herders, would be benefited in five States under the IWDP (Hills-II). It is estimated that abou850,000 families including 25,000 landless families would be benefited directly from the CWDP in Karnataka.